

Department of English WRITING PRIZES

2020

Lehman English writing competitions are open to all undergraduate and graduate students.
Deadline is February 29, 2020.

Winners get a check – most prizes start at \$50 – and are invited with friends and family to the English Awards Ceremony on May 6, 2020.



Competitions

Bernard L. Einbond Memorial Prize

Best work of prose fiction (short story or novel)
Undergraduates exclusively

Grace C. Croff Memorial Prize

Best poem or group of poems
Undergraduates exclusively

Jacob Hammer Memorial Prize

Best dramatic writing (e.g., play or screenplay)
Undergraduates exclusively

Alice Minnie Hertz Heniger Prize

Best creative writing (poetry, fiction, drama)
Graduate students exclusively

Claire Giegerich Memorial Prize

Best creative nonfiction essay
Undergraduates exclusively
Essay may not be submitted for Hess or Melville prizes.

Terry De Antonio Memorial Prize

Best piece of written art criticism (e.g., film, music, theater, dance, or fine art)
Undergraduates and graduate students

Paul Agosta Prize

Best piece of professional writing (business, health/science, technical writing, or feature published in the Meridian)
Undergraduates exclusively

William C. Hess Memorial Prize

Best critical essay in the field of British, Irish, or postcolonial literature
One undergraduate, one graduate
Essay may not be submitted for the Giegerich prize.

Herman Melville Prize

Best critical essay in the field of American literature (including Indigenous, Black, Latinx, Asian)
One undergraduate, one graduate
Essay may not be submitted for the Giegerich prize.

Patricia A. Cockram Scholarship Prize

Strongest portfolio of academic work written for English Department classes during the most recent calendar year (two 2019 semesters)
Undergraduates exclusively
A portfolio consists of 4-6 pieces of academic writing in one or more genres prefaced by a brief introductory statement. Students should consult with an instructor/advisor to ensure appropriate content/presentation for this major prize.

Guidelines

- Submissions may be uploaded to lehmanwritingprizes.wordpress.com any time between January 1 and February 29, 2020.*
- You may submit writing to multiple prizes.
- Attach your work as a Word or PDF file. Paper applications will not be accepted.
- At the top of your attached document, you must include the title of your work but not your name or any other identifying information. **Your name must NOT appear anywhere on the attachment.** Entries that are not formatted properly will not be eligible for consideration.
- Submissions must be error-free. Proofread your work!

* Prize winners (only) will be notified of their awards by April 17, 2020.

Departmental Awards

In addition to prizes, Lehman's English Department has several awards for academic excellence.

Awards include overall achievement at the BA and MA levels, academic excellence on the part of undergraduates heading into graduate study, best work in Shakespeare studies, most promising sophomore and junior majors, the strongest student switching careers to major in English, excellence in professional writing, and most significant progress as an English major.



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